

warded by canal. This year 3,232 tons of lard and 21,354 brls. of pork were exported. The low toll movement is believed to be fully vindicated.

—Some very interesting statistics on the British food supply have just been submitted to the Manchester Statistical Society. Among other things it is stated that each member of the community now consumes to the value of two and a half times as much foreign food as he did 20 years back, and that the total cost of such food in the past 20 years has been over £2,000,000,000.

—The work on the Nicaraguan interocean canal is proceeding vigorously. It is estimated to cost \$80,000,000, and will be completed in five years.

FIRE RECORD.

Aurora, Ont., Aug. 9.—Saw mill belonging to Messrs. A. Magee & J. Davis, together with a large quantity of lumber, laths, shingles, etc., totally destroyed by fire. Origin of fire unknown. No insurance.

Carronbrook, Ont., Aug. 11.—Large cooper shop belonging to Messrs J. & J. Kidd in connection with the Western Mammoth Salt works totally destroyed by fire. Loss about \$1000, insurance \$600. H. Craig, foreman, lost about \$300, no insurance.

Brown's Wharf, Aug. 3.—Mr. Lamb's dwelling house and store with most of the contents totally destroyed by fire. Insurance small.

London, Ont., Aug. 9.—A barn near the G.W.R. track was burnt this afternoon. Two other buildings took fire but were soon extinguished. Careless use of matches by some boys playing in the barn was the cause of the fire. The property was owned by Mr. Thomas Hixson. Loss \$400 to \$500.

Park Hill, Ont., Aug. 13.—The sash and door factory belonging to Johnson & Henderson, Orange Hall, and a barn belonging to Mr. Bliss burnt. Loss unknown.

Midland, Aug. 15.—Mr. Herman's saw mill, burnt a day or two ago, was insured for \$40,000.

Otterville, Ont., Aug. 15.—Barns and contents belonging to J. Wood & M. Harris burnt. Harris loses 600 bushels wheat.

Granby, Aug. 14.—Andrew Robber's sash and blind factory totally destroyed. Loss about \$10,000. Insurance \$6000 in Hochelaga Mutual; contested.

Kinston, Ont., Aug. 15.—Wooden tenement owned by Messrs. Chown & Cunningham and occupied by Messrs. Richards burnt. Insurance on building \$500, on furniture \$300.

New Edinburgh, Ottawa, August 12.—Fire broke out in a stone house owned by A. Knapp on Union street. The city alarm was sounded, but owing to the New Edinburgh council having refused to grant an annual sum to the Ottawa Fire brigade, the latter were not allowed to cross the city limits and had to watch the destruction of property without rendering any assistance. Eventually they got permission to lay a line of hose and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Total loss about \$10,000, distributed as follows: Knapp \$4,000, partially insured; Belmer \$2,000, no insurance; White \$1,500, no insurance; R. Vanning, furniture damaged; Thom, stock damaged; Corrigan, furniture partially destroyed; Gleeson's butcher shop totally destroyed.

St. Mary's, Ont., Aug. 14.—Fire was discovered in the cellar of the pork packing establishment of Parsons, McKenzie & Co., in Guest's new stone block. It spread to the upper stories of the block occupied by D. S. Rupert and others. Mr. Guest's and two tailor's shops were destroyed, also dry goods establishment of Wm. McIntosh & Co. Insurances as follows: J. B. Guest on building \$1,000 in Phoenix, \$3,000 in British American; stock Wm. McKenzie & Co.,

\$3,000 Western, Imperial \$2,500; stock Parsons, McKenzie & Co. about \$16,000 or \$17,000; Wm. McKenzie's stock was removed.

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MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 16th, 1877.

The showery weather of the week has interfered somewhat with farming operations in the East, but it is having a good effect on second growths of clover and Hungarian grass, which are likely to make some amends for the shortness of the hay crop. Wheat on vines to fall, and farmers will do well to take what they can get now for their abundant crop, rather than lose the present benefit of plump and heavy grain, which in the course of a few months will measure and weigh considerably less. The yield throughout the United States, except in California, is quite abundant, and not much less than in Canada. Business is becoming quite brisk in several departments, as may be seen under their respective heads. Stock and money markets quiet.

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots are lighter, but of Pearls fully too heavy. Sales about 200 brls. Pots at \$4.07½ to \$4.12½ for First Sort, \$3.40 for Seconds and \$2.60 for Thirds. The market to-day gives indication of a decline. Stock is very heavy. Pearls.—Sales 60 barrels, one lot at \$4.75 for Firsts, remainder on p. l., understood to be at a considerable decline. The receipts since 1st January have been 9,245 brls. Pots and 853 brls. Pearls; the deliveries, 8,390 brls. Pots and 700 brls. Pearls; and the stock in store is 3,470 brls. Pots and 925 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There was considerably more activity in this department the past week, manufacturers not only being busy shipping full orders given some time since, but also receiving new ones which have crowded in rapidly and in substantial kind. Remittances have also been somewhat better. Judging by the regularity with which western jobbers are repeating their orders for goods from this market, they doubtless anticipate a large fall trade.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A very fair amount of business has been transacted during the past week, and orders though not heavy are numerous. We direct attention to some alterations in our quotations column; notably Castor Oil, which is considerably higher and advancing with very light stocks in the market. Quinine easier, and there is a prospect of a still further reduction in the near future as there is a plentiful supply of bark at place of production, but revolutionary troubles prevented its shipment. Heavy chemicals are rather firmer in tone in the English markets with a corresponding feeling here. Oils.—Considerable quantities of Cod Oil have been offering during the past few days and the prices have receded. There is no firm price established as yet however, the market fluctuating as supplies come in. Olive has a much firmer tone, and is now quoting higher. Linseed continues to maintain the recent advance in the English market but is sold here at lower figures for round lots than English quotations would warrant. Straits Oil is considerably higher in New York, but as there is little doing here in this kind of oil at present, the price has not changed. Other oils unchanged.

NAVY STORES.—Turpentine has taken an upward start and is very unsettled in New York and Southern markets. Rosins and Tar unchanged. Paints.—Are in good demand with slightly better terms to large purchasers.

DRY GOODS.—Our wholesale friends report most favorably of what is being done in this branch of business, and the general feeling of the trade is consequently of the most cheerful character. Our retail trade too shows improvement as the season advances. Remittances are not at all satisfactory, and we do hope that the

country merchants who have large sums in the hands of the farmers will urge them to realize early on their grain, etc., and thus be in a position to pay up.

FARMERS MARKET.—There was a substantial number of farmers and market gardeners in attendance at the market Tuesday. Produce in various kinds was plentifully supplied, green corn, cucumbers and cabbages being especially so; blueberries from the Saguenay were very plentiful; American apples were also much more plentiful than on the latter part of last week; Canadian plums, the first of the season, were offered Tuesday, also some very fine plums from California; they retained at 50c per dozen. There was a pretty large supply of oats on the market; they were slow of sale, and at declining prices; a few bags of peas were offered at \$1.15 per bushel; potatoes were in good supply and generally of large size; no change in prices; celery and cauliflowers are not very plentiful yet. The price of flour has declined about 20c per 100 lbs. during the week; oatmeal and Indian meal show symptoms of cheapening; feed is unchanged in price. The following were the prices:—Oats, 80c to 95c per bag; potatoes, 60c do; beets 45c per bushel; cucumbers, 25c to 30c per bushel; musk melons, \$1.50 to \$5 per dozen; cabbages, 20c to 50c per dozen heads; celery, 30c to 35c do; cauliflowers, 80c to \$1 do; green corn ears, 8c to 9c per dozen; apples, \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel; plums, 40c per gallon; black currants, 45c do; pears, \$1 per barrel; peaches, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per box; California plums, \$5 per box; blueberries, 65c to 70c per box; when a dozen or more boxes are taken they are sold for less than 60c per box; fowls, 55c to 70c per pair; spring chickens, 80c to 40c do; dead geese, 60c to 70c each; tub butter, 17c to 20c per lb.; common print butter, 20c to 25c do; superior prints, 30 to 35c do; packed eggs, in boxes and barrels, 14c per doz.; eggs in baskets, 16c do; fresh laid eggs in baskets, 17c to 20c do; a few were sold at 25c per dozen; maple sugar, 8c to 9c per lb; strained honey, 10c to 11c do; flour, \$3.40 per 100 lbs; oatmeal, \$3 to 3.25 do; Indian meal, \$1.40 do; moulie, \$1 10 do; grue, 90c do; bran, 80c do; pot barley, \$3 do.

FISH.—The catch at Newfoundland this season has been better, but the Labrador fisheries have been more than up to the mark. New herrings continue at \$1 for No. 1; Dry Cod Gaspe \$4.50. Reports to Saturday from Newfoundland of the Labrador fishery are favorable, a great improvement in the catch having taken place recently. Mackerel have struck in on the western shore in the neighborhood of Halifax, and the fishermen are doing well. A later dispatch says: Mackerel swarm along the shores of Halifax, and over a thousand barrels were caught on Wednesday. At Upper Prospect the catch averages from 30 to 300 barrels each seine.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The flour market is dull and uncertain. That from old wheat is held considerably higher than that from the new crop. Spring Extra sold to day at \$5.75. We suspend quotations in other brands. Wheat nominally worth \$1.30 to \$1.35 for new fall, to arrive. At Chicago to-day, Wheat is reported active and firm; 96½c to 96½c September. Corn steady; 44c to 44½c August; 43½c to 43½c September; 43½c October; Oats steady; 24½c August; 23½c September; 24½c October. At Milwaukee to-day, Wheat is firm and in good demand for cash; \$1 12 cash; \$1.06½c, August; 98½c September; \$1.05 No. 3; receipts, 32,000 bushels; shipments, 14,000 bushels.

Stocks in store and in hands of millers in Montreal:—

	Aug. 15.	Aug 1,	Aug 15.
	1877.	1877.	1876.
Wheat, bushels	24,318	55,281	320,404
Corn, "	189,043	176,155	56,831
Peas, "	9,372	37,815	6,973
Oats, "	17,332	21,265	33,032
Barley, "	3,194	5,946	4,699
Flour, barrels	41,998	51,566	55,115
Oatmeal, "	2,385	2,566	1,109
Cornmeal, "	899	1,523	1,000